

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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REPORT ON HELICOPTER CRASH
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any action has been initiated on the report of the Investigation Commission that went into the causes of the crash of Bell 206-B-3 helicopter resulting in the tragic loss of Shri G.M.C. Balayogi, then Speaker of Lok Sabha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to avert such mishaps in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) and (b):- The Report of the Committee of Inquiry has not yet been accepted by the Government. Hence, it is premature to indicate the course of action at this stage.

(c):- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) ensures, on a continuous basis, strict compliance of safety norms by operators, including helicopter operators by way of safety audits. The safety audit covers all essential areas including engineering, operations, quality control departments etc. In addition, spot checks on maintenance activities are also carried out by the DGCA.